

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
Care of the Building and Grounds
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation	\$20,688,000
Fiscal Year 2026 Requested Appropriation	\$11,388,000
Requested Decrease from Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation	(\$9,300,000)

APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

For such expenditures as may be necessary to enable the Architect of the Capitol to carry out the duties imposed upon the Architect by 40 U.S.C. 6111 and 6112, [\$20,688,000]*\$11,388,000*, to remain available until expended.

Based on enactment of the FY 2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act (P.L. 119-4), the judiciary's starting point for developing its FY 2026 budget request reflects bill language and appropriations levels enacted in the FY 2024 Financial Services and General Government appropriations bill (division B, title III, P.L. 118-47).

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2026
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

<u>Fiscal Year 2026 Resource Requirements:</u>	<u>FTEs</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation.....	50	20,688

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Subtotal, Adjustments to Base to Maintain Current Services..... - (9,300)

Total Current Services Appropriation Required..... 50 11,388

Total Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation Required..... 50 11,388

Total Appropriation Change, Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2026..... - (9,300)

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CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS
Obligations by Activity (\$000)

Activity	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Request
Care of Building and Grounds, Total Obligations	20,134	19,180	19,500
Unobligated Balance, Start of Year	-13,463	-14,017	-15,525
Unobligated Balance, End of Year	14,017	15,525	7,413
Available Appropriation	20,688	20,688	11,388

Obligations by Object Class (\$000)

Description	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Request
11 Personnel Compensation	5,343	5,482	5,586
12 Personnel Benefits	2,275	2,350	2,390
1 Travel and Transportation of Things	-	4	3
23 Communications, Utilities, and Misc Charges	2,152	2,270	2,200
25 Advisory and Assistance Services	4,156	4,159	4,200
26 Supplies and Materials	735	760	730
31 Equipment	25	35	25
32 Land and Structures	5,448	4,120	4,366
Total Obligations	20,134	19,180	19,500

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS
Relation of Obligations to Outlays (\$000)

	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Request	Difference (+) or (-)
Total Obligations	20,134	19,180	19,500	320
Obligated Balance, Start of Year	20,877	14,500	12,000	(2,500)
Adjustments of Prior Year Activity	(224)	(500)	(500)	-
Obligated Balance, End of Year	(14,500)	(12,000)	(11,000)	1,000
Outlays	26,287	18,300	15,500	(1,180)

Personnel Summary

	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Request	Difference (+) or (-)
Full-time Equivalents (FTEs)	47	50	50	-

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GENERAL STATEMENT AND INFORMATION

This appropriation, for expenditure by the Architect of the Capitol, provides for the structural and mechanical care of the United States Supreme Court Building and Grounds, including maintenance and operation of mechanical, electrical, and electronic equipment. The Architect is not responsible for custodial care, which is under the jurisdiction of the Marshal of the Supreme Court and is provided for in the Supreme Court's salaries and expenses appropriation. The Architect performs his/her duties under authority of 40 U.S.C. § 6111.

The equipment includes such items as air conditioning, refrigeration, and ventilating systems with more than 1,000 pieces of equipment; electrical transformer stations and emergency power system; 300 plumbing fixtures and related piping; nine elevators and four dumbwaiters; electrical fixtures and wiring; and electronic security equipment. In FY 2026, a total of 50 full-time equivalents (FTE) are expected to cover three shifts daily. The FY 2026 request for the Supreme Court, Building and Grounds account totals \$11,388,000. This request includes funding to maintain current services and accounts for general inflationary increases.

Projects under the Architect of the Capitol relating to the buildings and grounds in the Capitol campus are included in the Legislative Branch budget. However, projects pertaining to the buildings and grounds of the Supreme Court are presented within this account in the judiciary's budget request.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATIONS

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Justification of Changes

The FY 2026 budget request for the Supreme Court of the United States, Care of the Building and Grounds appropriation, totals \$11,388,000 and 50 full time equivalents (FTEs). This represents a decrease of \$9,300,000, or 45.0 percent, from the FY 2025 enacted appropriation of \$20,688,000. The decrease is a result of non-recurring requirements.

Adjustments to maintain current services include funds for pay and benefits, cost increases for current staff, a reduction for non-recurring requirements, and adjustments for ongoing activities, such as inflationary increases in contract rates and charges for services, supplies, equipment, and a general inflationary increase.

ADJUSTMENTS TO BASE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT SERVICES

A. PERSONNEL

Pay and Benefit Adjustments

1. Annualization of 2025 pay adjustment

Requested Increase: \$7,000

The requested increase provides for the annualized costs of the 2025 pay adjustment of 2.0 percent, effective January 2025. The requested increase provides for the cost associated with three months of the 2025 pay increase (from October to December 2025) in FY 2026.

2. Promotions and within-grade increases

Requested Increase: \$50,000

The requested increase provides for promotions and within-grade increases for personnel. The salary plan for judicial support personnel provides for periodic within-grade increases for staff who receive a performance rating of satisfactory or higher.

3. Benefits increases

a. Health benefits

Requested Increase: \$57,000

Based on information from the Office of Personnel Management, health benefit premium contributions are projected to increase by an average of 5.0 percent in January 2025 and 10.1 percent in January 2026. The requested increase annualizes the 2025 premium increase and includes a nine-month provision for the increase anticipated for FY 2026.

b. FICA adjustment

Requested Increase: \$2,000

Based on information from the Social Security Administration, employer contributions to the Old Age, Survivor, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) portion of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax will increase in 2025. The salary cap for OASDI increased from \$168,600 to \$176,100 in January 2025. The requested amount is needed to pay the

judiciary's contribution in FY 2026.

B. OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

4. Inflationary increases in charges for contracts, services, supplies, and equipment

Requested Increase: \$97,000

Consistent with guidance from the Office of Management and Budget, the requested increase is required to fund inflationary adjustments of 2.1 percent for operating expenses such as travel, communications, printing, contractual services, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment.

5. Reduction for non-recurring requirements

Requested Decrease: (\$9,513,000)

The request is reduced by \$9.5 million for non-recurring requirements.